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RESOLUTION NO. 351-08

BY: **SEAN BRENNAN**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL
602 AND SENATE BILL 353 TO AUTHORIZE
THE CREATION OF COUNTY WIDE LAND
REUTILIZATION CORPORATIONS, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it is determined and confirmed that the Council of the City of Parma supports the passage of House Bill 602 and Senate Bill 353 also known as the "County Land Reutilization Bills;" and,

WHEREAS, the City of Parma and Cuyahoga County continue to encourage regional collaboration for regional issues; and,

WHEREAS, the mortgage foreclosure crisis has dramatically increased the amount of vacant, abandoned and distressed properties, which pose a unique and growing problem in the City of Parma and the County of Cuyahoga. Urban blight and land abandonment are rampant and rehabilitation is not always possible and demolition of appropriate property is too costly on city by city basis; and,

WHEREAS, the development and utilization of a county land reutilization corporation can facilitate the reclamation, rehabilitation and reutilization of vacant, abandoned, tax-foreclosed or other real property; and,

WHEREAS, the structure of the proposed bill provides multiple sources of funding and collaboration so as not to rely on any one entity too heavily to provide the best possible chance of addressing this aspect of the mortgage foreclosure crisis plaguing our City, County, State and country in an effective and responsible manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby requests the United States Congress to fully fund SAFETEA-LU (federal aid for transportation) to authorized levels.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and he hereby is, directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Senators Sherrod Brown and George Voinovich and Congressman Dennis Kucinich.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to upcoming hearings, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO